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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]

SUBJECT : "Cancellation"

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1. Attached is a file on the "Cancellation." We need to prepare by Monday a position paper for [ ] use in the Monday afternoon meeting of the POCO.

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2. Please look over the file and assist [ ] in preparing a "politic" paper. [ ] will be in for a while tomorrow (Saturday morning).

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3. As you will note in the covering memorandum from Phillips, the working group, except for [ ] proposes acceptance of the project prepared by certain Defense members of the group. I think we should continue opposing the adoption of it on two grounds:

a. That we do not think a proper plan can be developed until we receive more adequate intelligence and certain studies by qualified individuals on the Soviet system.

b. We should also recognize the need for a crash plan and suggest that the project developed by the working group of the POCO contains many items which can be incorporated into a CIA crash plan. However, CIA is alone responsible for the covert planning and operations required, and it believes itself to be the best judge (being cognizant of its present limitations and capabilities) of what the covert "Cancellation" plan should be. The committee should be informed that OPC is working on the development of such a crash plan and will certainly utilize the work done by the working group.

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4. Plans Division Responsibility for Crash Plan:

[ ] tells me that certain people in the Psychological Division are champing at the bit to get into this particular crash plan. HE also has a direct interest in it. I suggest that rather than attempting to write the whole thing here, we should have Task Force BM prepare a planning directive to Psychological Division and to

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the EE, WE, NE, and FE Divisions, asking them to prepare the plan in question. The Psychological Division should be the coordinating point and should steer the planning. The plan that they produce should be submitted to the Plans Division for review and approval.

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Chief, Plans Division

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